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New York, Tuesday, January 16, 1849.

California Herald_Extra. We shall publish the California Herald-Extra, a

moon to-day. In addition to containing the latest intelligence from the wonderful gold digging of that region, it will have four separate and distinct engravings of the four routes that are proposed to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific Ocean-one across the isthmus of

Panama, another across the isthmus of Tehnantepec,

another by the way of Nicaragua, and the fourth

through the United States; together with geographical and topographical descriptions of each. The matter which will appear in this third Californ mis Herald, will be read with interest at this particular time, and the engravings will be worthy of being

Agents are requested to send in their orders

preserved for reference hereafter.

The Present Aspect of the Slavery Question

in the South-The Southern Convention. The caucus, or convention, of Southern members, which was appointed some time ago, to take into consideration the course of action most advisable to adopt with reference, to the recent agitation on the slavery question, were to have made their report yesterday. We have not, up to the present time, received any intelligence from Washington respecting it; but in all probability we shall be able to give a synopsis of it in to-morrow's paper. From several indications, however that have lately met our eye, from various quarters, we incline to the opinion we have already so fre quently expressed, that moderation, prudence, and sincere love for the constitution, will animate the influential portion of the Southern representatives. The intelligent and disinterested people, both of the North and the South, are beginning to have a clear and thorough perception of the views and purposes of the ultras of both extremes; and they are determined that neither the disappointed ambition of Mr. Calhoun on the one hand, nor the restless scheming, and hollow purposes of Mr. Giddings, and the motley alliance of male and female popularity-hunters of which he is a prominent leader, on the other, shall ever be able to consummate the openly arowed results of their folly and fanatacism.

Mr. Calhoun is a very able man; but with all his ability, he has not, and cannot, and never will be able to rally round him a Southern party influential enough to effect any of the objects of his ambition, much less obtain the confidence of the country. He should by this time be well aware of that himself. Since his quarrel with General Jackson, after his election to the Vice-Presidency in 1828, how often has he tried to regain his former position? But every successive effort has left him more powerless than before, and manifested to the world that disappointed ambition and envious rivalry were the actuating principles of his energy and hostility. It is astonishing, therefore, that the very sense of his impotency does not induce him to opposite course to that he has hitherto pursued; fo we should think that to a man of his intellect a d capability, it must be an excessively irksome lask, to be continually pulling down an never building up, to be continually dividing an never uniting, to be always exhausting his ene gies in what he can never accomplish, and fo ever discharging

is would appear, however, that this perversit of man is strongly implanted in our tallen nature and is peculiar to no age or country. Withou looking back to remote times, we find th counterparts of the honorable member for South Carolina ii Lord Stanley and Lord Brougham, of of the British House of Lords. The career of these noble personages has been somewhat similar to that of our great Southern Nullifier, but the good sense of the British people very quickly deprived these able, ambitious, and self-seeking lordlings of all political power. Their whole life appears to have been ever since devoted, to carping at their smore fortunate rivals, to sowing dissension wherever and whenever an opportunity offers, and to gnashing their teeth in incessant and impotent malignity.

We have no doubt that had it not been for the evil influence of such men in the South, and the still more mischievous influence of the fanatic abolitionists of the North, many of the Southern States would have long since manumitted their slave population. But we have the most unfaltering confidence that whatever may be the course chalked out by the Southern caucus-whether they yoke themselves to the chariot wheels of Mr. Calhoun's ambition, or adopt the wiser and more temperate measures for which we are inclined, from recent indications, to give them credit, the prudent, sensible, and moderate portion of the community, both in the North and the South, will take care that the harmony and integrity of this great repub lic will continue sacred from the assaults of all enemies, internal as well as external. Should the crisis, however, be precipitated, now that the new administration is just coming into power, the example of ancient Rome in the days of her diffi culty and danger will be followed, and the welfare of the republic will be committed into the hands of the first consul-"the old hero who never surren dered"-with an injunction, as of old, that no evil shall befal the country, "ne quid respublica detri-

We do not believe, however, that such an extremity will ever be forced upon the Executive of this country. The ultras of ene portion of the South have already had a small taste from one General, of what they might expect from another, should they ever attempt to carry out their mischievous designs; and we may venture to say, that the hero of Buena Vista is too well known throughout the country, to have his patience and determination put to a similar test. As for the fanatics and disunienists of the North, they may go on with their eternal talk at the prompting of the wilv statesman of Kinderhook-they may go on and pass their resolutions-" that the Exodus of the slave must be over the ruins of the American Church and the American Union"-they may recruit new batches of "rights of woman" wo men, under the guidance of the amiable Lucretia Mott-but of one thing they may rest assured, that the rational and patriotic people of this country will never tolerate the least attempt they may ever make to carry into effect their fatuous and insane agitation. As long, however, as they confine themselves to talk, they will only meet with the ridicule and contempt which they have hitherto received from the sensible portion of the com-

The Gold Excitement-The Extent of the Emigration to California.

The excitement relative to the gold mines of

California continues with unabated fervor. It is daily fed with all sorts of reports. Every statement is caught up and swallowed with the great est avidity; and even that asserting that the government at Washington had despatches from the gold region too "brilliant and glowing" to publish, is amplified to an extent that throws the Arabian Nights Entertal ments completely into the shade. All this assicates the height of the gold excitement. I runs high throughout the Union lt is with enough, without false statements being thrown in to make it more so. The correct accounts from California, are as rich and as gorgeous as the most ardent gold-hunter need desire. It is useless, therefore, to enlarge on the reports from Colone Mason and Captain Folsom; it is useless to assert that the government have received despatches that they are afraid to publish ; it is useless to invent stories, in order to fill up the ships, when the truth frem California is sufficient to decrease the popu. lation full fast enough in the cities on the Atlantic

To set the public aright, however, in all matters relative to the gold territory, we will state-and we do so on the highest authority-that the government are not in the possession of any despatches or any facts, that the public have not been made acquainted with. After all that has been said, it turns out that there is not one word of truth in the report that they have suppressed important and startling information. They have had none to suppress. We will also lay before our readers the latest movements of the gold seeking parties, to show the extent of the emigration.

There has been, and there still exists, a great di versity of opinion as to the number of persons who have teft for California since the beginning of the excitement. Invariably it has been given as very arge, and the general impression is, that upwards of ten thousand have started. In order to form a more correct idea, we have had recourse to our filea, where the sailing of every vessel for the Gold Regton, frem the various ports in the United States, with the passengers of each, is recorded; and from which we have been able to arrange the following table, giving the names of all vessels and the date of sailing from their respective ports, with the number of passengers and crew on board. So far, it will be seen that only about 1,156 have gone by sea via Cape Horn; about 530 via Chagres; and thus far, to our knowledge, only about 30 via Vera Cruz. Our table commences with the sailing of the bark John Benson, for Chagres, on the 11th ult., which was, in fact, the first vessel tha started from the United States, under the present excitement, with emigrants. The steamer Falcon sailed on the 3d, but had no passengers, except government officers, for Chagres, from this port; t New Orleans, however, she received about 200. But here is the table :-

A ESSET ST	SINCE	THE EXCITED BY		ALIFORNIA,
Whence	Name of	Date	Number of	Officers
eailed.	Vessel.	of sauing.	Passengers.	
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	Ship Button	Dec. 29	50	20
	Bark Express	Jan. 2		14
	Bark Goesn I			14
	Brig New Cas Ship Chris. C		10 30	12
			50	20
	Ship Albany .	Jan. 9		20
	Brig D. Henst	awJan. 7	15	12
	Bark Barriet	ne Jan. 9	20	14
	Brig George E	leweillann. 10	10	14
	Brig Orbit	ienty. Jan. 10		10
	Behr. Anthem	Jap. 10	10	- 10
	Ship Brooklyn	I 19	150	I
	Ship Tarolints	Tan 14	130	23
	Bark Croton .	Inn 14	50	24
	Brig Isabel		20	14
Boston	Brig Satillo.	Dec 22	17	10
DOSSOU	Bark Carib	Dec 20	ii	15
	Bark Elvira	Jan. 6	12	16
	Berk Baria	Jan 10	30	15
	Brig Forest	Jen II	16	13
	Ship Edw'd By	rarnett Jan 19	150	25
	Bark Oxford,	Jan 19	36	14
	Bark Atilla	Jan 12	40	14
	Brig rauline.	Jan. 13	13	10
Nantucket.	Ship Aurors		20	24
Norfelk.	Brig John Pot	tv. Jan. 10	14	10
Baltimore	Bark Paoli	Jan. 11	- 5	14
	Ship Greyhoun	d Jan. 10	56	20
	Schooner Eclip		8	7
Salem	Bark Eliza	Dec. 23	7	12
	Brig Sterling.	Dec. 30	10	10
N. Bedford.	Schooper Favo	rite. Dec. 13	8	8
	Bark Louisian		40	12
	Brig Oniota	Jan. 11	16	10
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Total				618
				1,164
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This gives us a list of 36 vessels already on their passengers, and over 518 belonging to the ships.

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	Steamer Cre	cent City		
	Steamer lath	mus		6
	Steamer Oru	8		5
New Orleans.	.Steamer Falo	OB.		90
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The associations, or companies, organizing, make the slowest progress. There are, at least, on the tapis, through the country, twenty-five or thirty which are open for applicants. Two or three only have started for their destination :-Only Have State of Company, (by sea)... 17 persons
New Jersey Mining Company, (by land)... 12 "
Bunker Hill Company (by sea)... 30 "

Of these, many are on board some of the vesels mentioned above, and may be included in the aggregate number sailed.

The bark Eugenia, for Vera Cruz, and the Harriet T. Bartlett, for Chagres, were to have sailed yesterday, each having large parties destined for San Francisco. The steamship Crescent City is expected here on Sunday or Monday next, and will return to Chagres, touching at Vera Cruz, on the 5th of February. A large portion of her fine accommodations has already been secured. The Falcon will leave on the 1st, stopping at Savannah, Havana, and New Orleans. The elegant steamship Panama, Captain Comstock, leaves on the 15th, via Rio Janeiro. Valparaiso, Panama, etc. The number of sailing ships up for California is growing large; so soon as one leaves, another is up and in her place. We are glad to notice that a better class of vessels is now in the market; those that were found to have been wanting in character and capabilities are withdrawn, and such vessels as the Morrison, Ann & Eliza, Orpheus, and South Carolina, are substituted. These vessels are worthy of the confidence of those who are shipping or taking passage. The accommodations on board the Morrison are particularly worthy of inspection-Messrs. Spofford, Tileston & Co are the owners.

Thus they go. At this rate California will not ong remain a wilderness, nor the gold be allowed toglitter in the beds of the streams and brooks running through the valley of the Sacramento.

LATER FROM HAVANA .- By the arrival of the ship Adelaide we are in receipt of files of the Fara Industrial, Diario de la Marina and Gaceta de la Habana, to the 27th ult., being four days later than previous accounts. We find nothing new in these papers. The Christmas festivities were well kept up in Havana. The opera is not much mentioned; we see a notice that the opera o 'Marino Faliero'' was in preparation. The Governor General was recovering from the effects of the accident he met with some time since. The Viennoise Children had met with great success and were attracting crowds every evening of their performances. Messrs. Martini and Levasseur whe, it may be remembered, performed here some time since, have made a great hit in Havana. Their performances consist of chemical experi-ments, legerdemain, &c.

THE ISTHMUS OF PANAMA .- We would here menion that the account of the route across this sthmus, published in the California Herald of the 8th inst , was from the pen of Captain George Howland, of Newport, R. I., a gentleman who has travelled much on the South American conti-

CONGRESSIONAL DEBATES .- DUPLICITY .- The fiftythree points given by our correspondent from Washington, in yesterday's Herald, as being at least fifty-three distinct and different tonics, which will all of them, more or less, be separately touched upon in the course of the debate on slavery, which threatens the country, afford a singular illustration of the utter hopelessness of all discussion, the utter inutility of all debate, the entire impossibility of ever coming to a rational and just decision i any matter, unless a debate or discussion is strictly confined and limited to one single matter or issue

The ancient framers of the legal system which once guided the courts of law, formed upon the Saxon model, were so sensible of the truth above enunciated, that they only allowed one separate and distinct item to be brought forward at a time, which was called the issue, which always consisted of a simple and distinct proposition. Hence, double pleading, or lugging two matters, or two ideas before a jury, (which they called duplicity,) was strongly discountenanced, and if a pleader at-tempted such a thing, his case would be turned out of court. We want some such a system assuredly at Washington city, and in the halls of Congress not to prevent duplicity in debate, not to confine the matter to one point by preventing two things only being mixed up together, but to prevent a greater evil than double pleading, or duplicityeven to prevent "fifty-threeigity" in debate.

Let us hope, that if there is any wisdom in Congress, that wisdom will take the matter in hand. and think of it before it enters upon the debate.

CUBA-ANNEXATION.-The credulity and ignorance of the English press, in respect to the United States, could hardly be better proved and illustrated, than by the instance they have lately given of circulating articles which represent the United States as about to invade Cuba! We do not notice this affair for the purpose of wasting a word in attempting to prove the absurdity of such an idea, for an absurdity is often made respectable by attempting to disprove it, which, by the by, is always a most difficult thing. But the folly of any respectable public journal giving substance and tangibility to such silly rumors, which are but the idle offspring of gross ignorance and malice, is something passing explanation. The London Times, in giving currency to such statements, knew, no doubt, at the time, that such a report was worth about as much as a report that the Governor of Coney Island was preparing an expedition to invade the territories of the man in the moon. Invasion is not, and never has been, the policy of the people of the United States. We did not invade Mexico, in the late war, aggressively, though we put down the armies which menaced us on our frontier, and pursued them to the very-seat of government. Yet that war, because it seemed so much like invasion, was not favored generally throughout the country, much as the prowess and exploits of our brave generals and soldiers were applauded and admired. If ever we get Cuba, (and we do not want it,) Cuba will come to us, we shall not go to Cuba. The people of Cuba will solicit, and we shall simply consent to the annexation, if it ever occurs.

PACKET SHIP MONTEZUMA .- Our shipping report of yesterday, in giving the date of the sailing of the Montezuma, Capt. Lowber, from Liverpool, was in error. She sailed Nov. 18, and not Dec. 19, as reported.

THE EMPIRE STATE.—There is an insurance the amount of \$50,000 in Wall street, on the steamer Empire State, destroyed by fire on Saturday. The balance being about \$50,000, is in some of the Eastern insurance companies.

Police Intelligence.

A Well Done Up Jeb — About a weekage, officer Burley, one of the efficient officers at the lower police, arrested a man by the name of Maurice Lipman, clerk in the house of Augustus Jeansarand, watch importer, No. 31 Liberty street. This clerk, it seems, stole from the store some \$5.00 worth of watches. On Mr. Burley arresting this clerk, and searching his trunk, a large number of parm tickets was found. This circumstance, with other disclosures, by the perseverance of the officer, enabled him to recover the whole of the stolen property. We understand the owners of the property, feeling well pleased with the manner in which the officer has done up the job, intend presenting him with \$500 and a gold watch, as a compensation for his services. This generous reward is encouraging for the members of the police, by setting an example that will cause them always to exert themselves in the recovery of stolen property.

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Aircest of a Fugitive Burglar.—Officer Shadbolt, of the lower police, yesterday arrested a man by the name of John Tryon, on a charge of breaking into the store of Hotelkins and Loomis, situated in the town of Woodbury, Litchfield county, Connecticut, and stealing therefrom \$50 in money, and two pieces of cloth, valued at over \$50. The facts in this case are as follows: It appears that Tryon kept a blacksmith's shop in Woodbury, and in April last the store of the complainants was robbed, and the piece of iron used for the purpose of forcing back the bolts of the back door, was subsequently identified as coming from Tryon's shop Since the robbery. Tryon has been prosecuting his business as usual, without suspicion, until the last few weeks, when the neighbors began to observe something wrong; but before anything certain could be ascertained, he left the town on last Tuesday, under pretence of going to Litchfield to buy some tools, instead of which he bad packed up all his traps and started for N. York, in order to ship fer California and the gold digging region. Finding that he had absconded, suspicion rested upon him as the burglar, an indictment was found against him, and a Mr. Henry Minor sent on to New York in search of the fugitive, and yesterday, while the above officer and Mr. Minor were visiting different hotels in search, they happened to fall in with the prisoner in Cortlandt street, on his way to No. 28, that being the hotel where he was stoppling. He was immediately taken into custody, and conveyed before Justice McGrath, and his person searched, when the efficer found \$289. At the hotel were found a large trunk and a tool chest; on the opening of which, was found, in a pocket-book, \$94 in gold and silver; in the trunk were found the two pleces of cloth belonging to Hotchkiss and Loomis, together with a good stock of ready-made clothing, and other articles of wearing apparel—

property and the prisoner were taken charge of by the police authorities; and to-day Mr. Minor and officer Shadbolt will convey him back to Cennecticut, for trial.

A Burgler Detected in the Act.—As officer Smith, of the 15th ward, was going his rounds on Sunday night, he observed the legs of a man just following in after his body at a window, in the store on the corner of Minetta street and 6th avenue, occupied by Peter Rosenticater. Before, however, the thief had time to extricate himself, the officer had him by the leg, and with the other hand applied the club to the fiesh part of his body, until the thief cried out for quarter and surrendered like a lamb. He was taken before Justice Blakely, where he gave the name of Tobias Thompson, alias Charles Richardron, and the magistrate committed him to prison for trial.

Another Fugitive for California—Officer Wm. H. Stephens, of the lower pelice, arrested yesterday a man by the name of Morris Cook, on a charge of obtaining the signature of Piney Phelps as an endorser of a note drawn for \$150. The note was blank when endorsed by Mr. Phelps, under the representations that the body of the note was to be filled up by Nathantel Paige; instead of which, Cook filled the note up himself and endorsed the same over to Mr. Faige, who gave him the money for the eame, although it was expressly understood by both parties, that Cook's name was not to appear on the note in any way. Under these circumstances, Mr. Phelps procured a warrant for the arrest of Cook, and following him down to New York from the town of Camden, Onelda county, where the transaction took place and the parties resided, he found him snugly stowed away on board of the ship Panama, bound for California, having paid his passage and was to sail on the 20th instant. Justice McGrath committed him to prison, to await a further hearing in the matter.

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Robberies.—Some thief entered the bark Elizabeth, Means, lying at pier No. 5, on Sunday night, and stole from the cabin \$170 in money, and a gold watch and chain belonging to Captain Means, master of the vessel; also \$20 belonging to the mate. No arrest. Also come thief entered the house No. 66 James street, and carried off \$100 in money, belonging to James Robinson. No arrest.

The Weather.

After the snow storm on Tuesday, the weather cleared off beautifully, at the same time becoming colder and colder, until yesterday, the mercury in the thermometer steed twelve degrees below the free sing point. Winter has not visited us with so much severity for many years.—Norfolk Beacon, Jan 12.

We have had, for the last week, cold, freezing cold, weather, the wind constantly and violently blowing from the north, and benumbing every thing that it could not freeze. Rain, hall, snow, and sleet, have followed one another so fast, or commingled together in such manner, that our social

lowed one another so last, or commingled together such manner, that our goodly people are much alarm lest by some freak of nature their beautiful place hear a manferred from the tierra caliente to the frig zone. Our people, unprepared for such weather, ha suffered much — Corpus Christi Star, Dec. 9.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT-By and with the advice and cosennt of the Senate - Charles Eames, of New York, to be commissioner to the Sandwich Islands, in the place of Anthony Ten Eyck, resigned. Caleb H Booth, of I wa, to be surveyor general for the district of Wisconsin and Iowa, in the place of George W Jones, resigned. TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE.

The Southern Convention. WASHINGTON, Jan. 18, 1849. from each State, appointed at the late caucus of the outhern members of Congress

to be acting with the Calhoun wing, was seen hurrying rom the ante-room in which the delegates were ass bled, and heard to exclaim to a page, "Run for Mr. Sebastian; tell him for Ged's sake to come imme ly; his presence is indispensable; they will take the ote on us;"-this latter expression referring to those delegates favorable to the views of Mr. Clayton on the ubject under consideration

Messrs. Calhoun and Charton both submitted reports, the latter differing essentially with the former as to the propriety of this kind of action, which had a strong effect; they gave rise to prolonged debates, and the convention continued in session to a late hour at night, having met at 11 A.M.

SECOND DESPATCH. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15-8 P. M. The Southern Committee of fifteen, met in caucus this evening, and both whig and democratic members

showed considerable reluctance about going in. THIRD DESPATCH.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15-half-past 9 P. M. The Southern Convention is in session, reading the address. A host of reporters are gathered outside, en to gain admittance. Mr. Beale and Mr. Lane, with fourteen others, have just come out and stated that a vote on admitting reporters had been taken in convention, and decided in the negate by about 50 yeas to 30 pays.

THIRTIETH CONGRESS.

In Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, 1849. The Senate was called to order at a little after 12 o'clock, by the Vice President, when prayer was offer ed up by the Chaplain.

Various petitions, relating to different subjects, were presented, and took the usual course.

MISSISSIPPI AND PACIFIC RAILROAD. Among other petitions, was one by Mr. Wilkes, pray ing Congress to supply aid, by donations of public land or otherwise, for the construction of a railroad leading from some point on the Mississippi river to the Pacific ocean, which was duly received and referred.

Mr. DAYTON, of New Jersey, reported a bill granting

Mr. Dayton, of New Jersey, reported a bill granting a patent to Mr. Green, manufacturer of sheet iron, which was read and passed over.

WATER-ROTTED HENF FOR THE NAYY.

Mr. MEXCALFE effered a revolution, calling upon the Secretary of the Navy for information relating to the purchase of water-rotted hemp for the use of the navy, which was adopted.

ADMISSION OF CALIFORNIA INTO THE UNION.

Mr. Downes, of La., a member of the Judiciary Committee, submitted a minerity report in favor of admitting California into the Union as a State, and at the same time introduced a bill as a substitute for the original bill previously reported by a majority of the said committee.

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After considerable discussion, it was moved that 1,000 extra copies of both the majority and minority reports by printed for the use of the Senate; which was adopted.

LAND TITLES IN CALIFORNIA.

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Mr. Benvow, of Missouri, obtained the floor, and made a lengthy speech against the whele system embraced in the bill, which provides for selling the mineral lands by the acre. Mr. Benton said that he opposed this feature of the bill; he wanted no special laws for the husbandry of the gold lands. Let them be free and open to all the people. He was epposed to selling the lands in driblets. Let them be disposed of under a general system of land laws. He considered that gold hunting was demoralizing in its character, and injurious to society. The sooner the mines were exhausted the better for the country. If he had the power, he would extripate them at once Mr B, therefore, moved to recommit the bill to the Committee on Public Lands, with instructions to inquire into the expediency of substituting the bill drawn by himself for the one now under consideration.

Mr. Barsess, of Illinois, here obtained the floor, but gave way to a motion for aljournment, which was carried.

House of Representatives. The members assembled at the usual hour, the Speaker in the chair. Prayer was made by the Chaplain, and the journal of Saturday read.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES. The Speaker decided the first thing in order on his table to be reports from committees. Heraupon some considerable confusion ensued, and several members made conflicting motions. The Speaker finally decided in favor of taking up the

REPORT FROM THE COMMITTER ON ELECTIONS.

The minority report made by Mr. Venable, of North Carolina, from the said committee, in opposition to Mr. Sibley's taking his seat, was read first. of the majority, in favor of bestowing the seat to Mr Sibley, was then put to the House, and the yeas and mays demanded, which resulted in the affirmative, by

yeas 107, mays 62.

Mr. Thompson, of Indiana, moved a reconsideration of the vote just taken.

It was then moved to lay the motion on the table, when the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted in the affirmative, by yeas 113 nays 85.

Mr. Twanza, of Illinois, hereupon introduced Mr. Sibley to the House, who want forward to the Clerk's desk, and was duly sworn, and took his seat.

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THE PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE:

Mr. STEPHENS. Of Georgia, moved to suspend the rules in order that he might move for the discharge of the Committee of the Whole from the further consideration of the President's annual message, which was carried. The question in regular order was now reached, and after considerable discussion, it being settled and the message brought back before the House, the previous question was called for, which was the resolution referring the message to committees, which was carried, and the message was then duly referred.

TEARLYCRIAL BILLS.

was carried, and the message was then duly referred.

TRARITORIAL BILLS.

The SPEAKER called on the States for resolutions.

Mr. ROCKWELL, of Connecticut, offered a resolution making the California and New Mexico Territorial bills the special order of the day for to morrow week, and called for the previous question, which was sustained, when the yeas and nays were demanded, and resulted in the affirmative, by yeas 114, nays 51.

Sundry resolutions were submitted by Mr. Rockwell, among which was one giving the use of the Hall of Representatives to the Colonization Society to-morrow evening. Adopted.

THE PRANKING PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Dixon, of Connecticut, introduced a bill abolishing the franking privilege.

A motion was here made to adjourn, which was 1 st. A call was made for the previous question, and also lost.

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The bill was placed on the calendar; and the House, on motion, adjourned. New York Legislature.

ALBANY, Jan. 15, 1849. SENATE.

ALBANY CANAL BANK.

tee power to send for persons and papers while investi-gating the affairs of the Canal Bank, Albany. Divi lends to the billholders of the said Bank will be paid on the 24th instant. THE PARDONING POWER.

THE FARDONING FOWER.

THE bill relative to the pardoning power of the Governor went through the Committee of the Whole.

FOREIGN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Mr. LAWRENCE, by consent, introduced a bill to amend the law relative to agencies for foreign fire insurance companies.

THE UNURY LAWS.

Mr. Borke introduced a bill to amend the usury laws, in relation to short leans.

GIVING POWER TO WILLIAMSHUEG TO SORROW MONEY.

A bill was passed, authorizing the trustees of the village of Williamsburg to borrow money; and another to reduce the capital of the Albary Insurance Company.

ASSEMBLY. A PUZZLE. Mr. Pauva introduced a bill declaratory of a fine at maturity on sig t bills and notes payable on demand.
[We give the above as received.]

PILOTAGE OF THE PORT OF NEW YORK. Mr. Fisz presented a petition for a law regulating the pilotage of the port of New York. THE NEGRO LECTURE IN THE ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.

Mr. Kidd moved to resold the motion granting the use of the Assembly Chamber for a lecture to colored people, on the ground that certain articles had been published in the Northern Star, by Ward, the lecturer, respecting members of the Assembly.

A long debate followed, when the motion to resold was laid en the table, by year 55, mays \$1.

SYKACUSE AND ROCHSTER RAILROAD.

A bill was introduced giving the right of way to the Syracuse and Rochester Railway.

THE YAN REMSELARE ESTATE.

Mr. Barrer laid on the table the resolution of the Attorney General for the report of the state of the suits against the Yan Remselar ceates.

SWORD AND MEDALS FOR THE OFFIGERS OF THE NEW YORK REGISHEY.

Mr. BOUGHTON laid on the table the resolution in favor of the presentation of a sword to Col. Ward B Burnett, by the Governor, and a gold medal to each of the officers of the lat regiment of the New York Volunteers. Mr. Kipp moved to resolnd the motion granting the

The bill for the relief of Rutherford Stuyvesant,
was ordered to a third reading.

US SENATOR.

The resolution in tavor of the election of a Senator

Later from the Sandwich Islands and California BOSTON, January 15, 1849.

An arrival at New Bedford, brings dates from the Sandwich Islands to the 2d September. The accounts from California had produced great excitement.

The brig Tepic had arrived at Honolulu, in 14 days from California, with a cargo of gold dust. Many of the inhabitants were up for the mines.

Three vessels with passengers had already gone, and 1,000 pickaxes had been sent from Honolulu. Two hundred foreigners had left the Sandwich islands for the gold region, and many others would

Further Particulars of the Burning of the

BOSTON, January 15, 1849. The Empire State continued to burn until 11 o'clock Sunday morning, when the fire was extinguished. The fire was first discovered in the forward part of the boat and is supposed to have caught from the stove.

and will be saved. The hull is to be tewed to New York, to be re-built. She is insured in Philadelphia and New York to the amount of \$100,000, which is supposed will cover their loss.

The eliver ware was saved in a safe.

Captain Comstock and another, broke through the
ice while attempting to souttle her, and were bidly in-

The hull is in bad condition, the engine stands erect

Election for State Treasurer of Pennsylvania. HARRISBURG, January 15, 1849

The Hon. Gideon J. Ball (whig) was elected State Treasurer to-day, on the 5th ballot.

Nomination of General Cass.

CLEVELAND, Jan 15, 1849. The Legislature of Michigan have unanimously nominated General Lewis Cass for United States Se nator. (It is probabje that the above should read "by the democratic members."]

Epidemic Disease at Lausing, Michigan. CLEVELAND, Jan 15 1849. A fearful epidemic is raging at the capital of Michian. The Legislature of that State are discussing a motion to adjourn to Detroit. One member has al eady died of the direase.

Short, the Murderer.

ALBANY, Jan. 15, 1849. The Governor refuses to pardon Short, the colored man, who was recently convicted of murder at Buffalo. He is to be executed on Friday.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15, 1849. It is now reported shat Col. Crogan is not dead; and that the mistake arose from the death of his brother. Dr. Crogtan.

Rapid Rise in the Ohio River. PITTSBURG. Jan. 15, 1849. The river has risen ten feet within the last ten hours, and is still rising. A flood is anticipated.

Shipping Intelligence. Boaron, Jan 15-Telegra shed, ship Washington Irving, Upton, rom Livespool, Nov 21, with loss of forstoppallant mast and naintoppallant yard.

Theatrical and Musical.

Bowert THEATRE.—The splendid drama of " Boadicea" still continues its successful career at this house and the general opinion is, that a finer dramatic spectacle was never got up at the Bowery-famous as this house is for such things The acting of Miss Wemyss is nightly applauded with great heartiness, and we are glad to see that this young lady has become such a favorite with the audiences. The processions and scenic effects in this piece certainly surpass anything we have ever seen of the kind; and we presume the piece will have a very long run The exhibition of the Lees is a most remarkable affair, and excited the most enthusiastic applause; the young lad who performs with them is the impersonation of grace and elegance, whilst the Lees themselves seem to be endowed with almost superhuman powers, so very wonderful are their feats of equilibrium. We recommend all to visit the Bowery during their engagement, as their performances are the most beautiful of their kind that can well be imagined. To night the same bill of last evening will be repeated, and as the Gilberts, Miss Taylor, Winans, &c., perform in the farces, they will make a fine evening's entertainment.

Broadway Theater—Last night was the beginning of the fourth week of the representation of the drama is nightly applauded with great heartiness, and we are

of the fourth week of the representation of the drama of "Monte-Cristo;" and although the reating was exceedingly damp and diragreeable, the attendance was as great as ever. This play has been decidedly the greatest "hit" of the season, and we are quite at a less to determine whether the dramatizer, the performers or the artists, who have placed it on the stage, are most deserving in their respective lines of the greatest praise. If we might venture, however, to express a preference where all issoexcellent and recherche, we would corfees a slight leaning to the unrivalled and exquirite delineations of Mr. Lester, though it must be at the same time admitted that the admirable acting at the same time admitted that the admirable acting of these who fill the subordinate parts, contributes, in no small degree, to the *éclat* and applianse with which the piece has ever been received. The worthy manager has exercised a wise decretion in lowering the prices of admission. With the various attractions of this theatre—cheapness of admission—excellence of accommodation—unequalle1 performers and recherche bills of entertainments, there is little risk in predicting a long and presperous career to the present manager of the Breadway.

NATIONAL THEATRE.—The drams of "Wacousta" ras played last evening, with as much éclat as ever, and the various exciting scenes with which it abounds were much applauded. The scenery, we must say, is nost beautiful; the block fort, the scene of the Indian council, the famous schooner scene, and all the rest, are as fine specimens of scene painting and stage arrangementas we have ever seen. The military execution of the unfortunate Holloway, in the first act, is a finely arranged scene; the Indians in the background, the maniae wife, the soldiers—all form a tableau of great beauty. We are glad to learn that the injuries received by Mr Dawes, from the bursting of a gun, on Friday night, during the performance of "Wescounta," have proved to be more peinful than absolutely dangerous. Mr Dawes is a great favorite at the National, and every frequenter of the house sympathies with him for his mishap. The new burletts of the "Olympic Devilis" was produced last evening with much appisance; it is a very laughable affair, full of sparkling repartee and smart dialogue To-night, the same bill will be repeated. To-morrow evening, Mr A. W. Fenno, who is going to California as the ploneer of the drama, will take his farewell benefit.

BURTON's THEATRE.—This theatre still continues to

BURTON's THEATRE .- This theatre still continues to attract its crowded houses Mr. Burton spares no pains or expense in getting up such pieces as always prove acceptable to the levers of fun. The "Haunted Man" was again performed to a well filled house, notwithstanding the stormy state of the weather. This piece is remarkably well got up, and played to perfection Mr Burton, as Tetterby & Co, and Mrs. Vernon, as Mrs. Tetterby, received renewed applause. Mr Brougham and Mr Lynne are very good; in fact, this piece improves on each night of its representation. The farce of "Slasher and Crasher" went off with roars of laughter The entertainments concluded with the new burlesque of "The Euchanted Isle, or Raising the Wind." This piece is full of lively scenes. in which Mr Brougham and Miss Chapman take the mist active parts. Tonight a goed bill is offered. "The Enchanted Isle," "Haunted Man," and "Where's Barnum!" withstanding the stormy state of the weather.

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CHRISTY'S MINETRELS WIll continue their soirces with increased attractions every evening. As there are a great number of Californians now in town awaiting their departure, we advise them all to go and hear Chrysty's before they go, as the reminiscence of the entertainment they are sure to meet with will prove most agreeable hereafter, when they are away out among the gold diggings.

American Circus—The announement of the celebrated youthful equestrian at this spieudid amphitheatre, tast night, draw a large and admiring audience to witness his graceful, daring, and beautiful feats of heremanehip, and it is no wonder, for his riding is unrivailed Last night he seemed to ride with more case than ever before, and the plaudits of the audience rung throughout the builsing. The double somerest of Mir. H. Gardner is a great reat, and won for him the approbation of the whole house. The other performances, composed of the double horse act of Messre. Stoutend Perrett, the principal act of horsemanship of Master Maurice Sands, and the graceful feats of Mr. R. Sands and his children, were received with unbounded applause. The Aihambra has become one of the moet popular places of resort in the city, and cannot be otherwise while Sands, Lent & Co's celebrated and world-renowned cempany nightly present such attractive and amusing performances. For to night, a first rate bill is offered, and one which casnot fail to draw an overflowing house. Master Hernandez will appear in one of his beautiful acts, and we would advise all to embrace the ppportunity to witness his performance.

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THE DISTIN FAMILY.—The concerts of these emi The District Family.—Ine conserts of these emi-nent artists, amounced to take place this and to-mor-row evening, are postponed. In consequence of the in-deposition of Mr. Henry Distin. Due notice will be given of their next concert, when, we doubt not, they will meet with that patronage which their spiradid abilities, as instrumentists, eminently entitle them to Driving as instrumentates, eminently effect them to New Obligan; — The Society Library is visited nightly by a large crowd of our most intelligent and respectable citizens, who flook to hear these very harmonlous minatries. Their societific musical attainments, sweet voices, and gentlemanly bearing, cannot be seen all

Mr. Macready is at Charleston

Mr. Flemming is at Cincinnatti. Levi North, the equestrian, is at the American, New

Madame Ablamowicz is giving concerts at Circinnati. We have news from Galveston as late as the 21 inst We are glad to learn that the cholera has entirely

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Spreulating on the California Excitement—
It is well known that quite a number of associations have been formed in the city, within a few weeks past, for the purpose of purchasing and manning ships for California. It is customary to draw upregular articles of association, having regular subscription prices, and the ship being purchased, to man her, receive freight, &c. all in the name of the association. The other day, a ship owner having effect a ship for sale, he was called upon by a young man who professed to be the representative of such an association; after obtaining the terms on which the owner of the wessel was willing tesell her, the young man expressed himself astisfied, but said that, in order that be saight fully accomplish his purpose, it would be necessary for him to obtain a bill of sale of the vessel; he therefore requested the merchant to make out one proforma, this was done, and the enterprising individual pocketed the dictionent. Having thus equipped himself, he went to work enlisting young men for a gold digging company, showing them the bill of sale, and saying that he had purchased the vessel, which was advertised to sail on a given day. He obtained some eight hundred dollars, and then, all at once, he wasn't to be found. The persons who had paid him their subscriptions, not seeing him for some days, made application to the real owner of the ship, to learn when she would sail, and then, for the first time, learned that she could not leave the dock until she was paid for, and that he had not yet received the first penny of the purchase monly. Many of the subscribers had expended all they could raise, in paying their share of the \$800. What has become of the original operator in this transaction, no record saith.

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Public School Examination.—The County Superintendent is at present making his Public ichool examination tour. On Friday last, he visited Ward School No. 3 in Ludiow street, near Delancy. The exercises were of an interesting obsracter, doing great credit to the teachers in all the departments of the institution. There were no less than 1.382 scholars present, who have been taught in their various studies by competent teachers, under the supervision of Mr. Wm Belden, Jr., principal teacher of the male department. Miss Martha Ames, of the female department, Miss Martha Ames, of the female department after the examination of classes in the male department. Master McKibbin entertained the audience with an oration on Liberty, It was a good composition, and well given by the young crator. Addresses were then made to the scholars by Mr. Conely who detailed at length the history of the Public Schools in the city, from their first institution down to the present day, Mr. McKeene, the County Superintendent, and Professor Thompson also made addresses. There were great number of Indies and gentlemen present ail of whom expressed great satisfaction in having been permitted to witness the exercises of the day sleerer. Fleid and Mather, the first and second assistant teachers in the male department, deserve especial praise for the manner in which their classes acquitted themselves; but, in fact, great praise is due to all the teachers.

Mercantile Libbary Association.—The contest for

MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. - The contest for the office bearers of this institution has gradually wared warmer and warmer, as the day of election has approached. Last light the supporters of the rival tickets held meetings to organize their forces, and the interest excited has been quite as intense as if more serious issues were at stake. We are not sufficiently acquainted with the candidates on either toket, to be able to propounce on their respective qualifications. be able to pronounce on their respective qualifocations; but if all the esposition, say, respecting the former management of the institution be true, it is high time that the old regime should receive their mittimus. These are the days of revolutions. New brooms sweep

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—The Coroner, yester-FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—The Coroner, yesterday, held an inquest at a house in 42d street, on the body of Christopher Davis, aged 60 years, born in New York, who came to his death by being accidentally run over by the Croton train of cars on the Harlem railroad. At appears from the facts, that about 10 o'clook, yesterday, the deceased was coming home in his milk wagon, and when near the railroad in 42d street, the Croton train was coming along ringing the bell and blowing off steam which nesses frightened the horse; and becoming unmanagable, he ran on to the track; the locomotive struck the wheel of the wagen, threw Mr. Davis from his seat on to the track, and the whole train of cars passed over his body, cutting a portion of his head off, and likewise mangling his arms and legs in a terrible manner. The jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by being accidentally run over by the Croten train of the New York, and Harlem Railroad.

Why were not the Gas Light's BURNING in the Bow-

Why were not the Gas Lights burning in the Bowery, between Broome and Prince streets, and in Prince
street, for some distance from the Bowery, on Sunday
sight? This is not the kind of weather when the
lamp lighters abould neglect their duty. The walks
are dotted here and there with pools of dirty water, and
the crossings are in a very bad condition. Surely we
ought to have the small benefit of the street lamps.

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BROOKLYN LYCEUM - Dr Boynton will deliver a lec-ture on geology, at the Brooklyn Lyceum, this evening. Those who have attended his former lectures at the Tabernacle speak of him in the highest terms. House's Telegraph — House's line of telegraph is all right. It is now, as it has been for some time past, in admirable working order on both sides of the river.

Fashionable Intelliger From the Wandship Intelligence.

[From the Wandship of Out Tyanna, Jan. 13]

Sunday Feb. Ball and the Tayle at the J. Knox

Walker, the From the Art of the Freedom of the Service in the morning at the Freedom Mrs. Polk, unaccompanied, attended divine service at the same church.

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Wednesday, the President, as usual, held a morning reception. In the evening, Mrs. Polk held a drawing, reception. reception in the evening, Mrs Polk heid a drawing room. Of the corps diplomatique, there were present his Excellency the French Minister; his Excellency the Russian Minister and Madame de Bodisco, attended by M. de Cramer; his Excellency the Mexican Minister, attended by Don Salvador Iturbine; his Excellency the Chilan Minister; John F. Orampton Esq., Chergé d'Affairs for Great Britain; the Chevalier Huhemann, Chargé d'Affairs for Austria; the Hon. James Buchanan the Hon Robert J. Waiker, and the Hon William L. Marcy, all members of the Cabinet; and many members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

At about half-past eight o'clock, suddenly, all the gas lights became extinguished and the distinguished company were left in darkness. The mishap was, horever, speedily remedied, and the distinguished guests remained till minnight.

His Excellency the Freeddent has been pleased to appoint Lewis Cass, jun. to the United States Chargé d'Affairs to the Court of the Holy See.

The Hon, James Buchanan, on Saturday last, enterained a distin uished party at dinner.
On Tuesday evening, the ball in honor of the battle of New Orleans was given at Jackson Hall.
On Thurraday evening, Commedere McCauley and Mrs. McCauley gave a grand entertalement at the Navy Yard.

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Law Intelligence.

Court of Appeals, January 13—No. 30. John C. Mather, appellant, vs. January 13—No. 30. John C. This cause came next in order, and was argued this morning by Mr. David Buel, Jr., for appellant, and by Mr. January 14—16. John Court then took up the caiendar was called through—no cause was ready for argument. The following causes was ready for arguments. The Chenango County Mutoal Insurance Company appellees. No. 33. Harry Jennings, uppelleant, vs. The Chenango County Mutoal Insurance Company appellees. No. 34. John De Rayter vs. The Prustees of St. Feter's Church in the city of New York et al. Order of the Chancellor affirmed, by default. Mon C. Develin counsel for respondents. No. 35. George W Sutten pisintiff in error, vs. Henry A. Dilaye et al. defendants in error. This cause was reserved assessing the late fire at Syracuse. No. 41. Etijan Gilbert, plaintiff in error, vs. Hurch Foot, defendant in error. Judgment affirmed, by default. Mr. N. Hill, Jr. conasel for defendant in error. No. 45. Charles H. Couths. Receiver, &c., appellant, vs. Orrin B. Crane. expondent. This cause reserved for Mr. D. Francis Griffin et al. appellant, vs. Hiram Barney, repondent. Detects affirmed by default. Mr. Georf. Counsteel for respondent. No. 34. Daskel V. Thomas et al, exr., &c., appellants, vs. Damon Costs respondent. No. 86. Abigali Schermerhorn, respondent. Mr. Geoff. Countook Counsel for respondent. T

Movements of Travellers.

Arrivals yesterday at the following hotels:—American—Mrs. Capt Marcey, U. S. A.; C. Munroe, J. Bayley, N. Wolleans, H. Gordon, Conn.; C. Waters Saktimore; W. H. Browne, Georgia; H. W. Manning, U. S. A. Asron—W. M. Curtis, Boston; S. A. Huribart, Mase; Hon. G. Ashman, R. A. Chapman, Springdidd; Capt Paimer, ship Samuel Russell; Gitleon Grange, Canandaigua; E. E. McLean, U. S. A.; M. Jeffries, Liverpoel; Capt Gordon, ship Marmion. Howard. M. Clarke, Manchester; J. G. Wilson, Palladelphis; S. Srewatt, Baltimore, F. Hanson, Philadelphis; General Shelden, Mass; J. Fassett, St. Louis; D. McLounell, Pennsylvania; J. C. Evans, Virginia; W. Lilley, Cinu. Inviso House, (Howard's)—W. Fowler, Philadelphia; J. Fogg, S. C.; J. Lea, Philadelphia; Deane Ruchmond, Buffalo, Dr. Woodward, Dr. J. Rogers, N. J.; D. Anderson, Louisville; S. Dunlap, Philadelphia; F. H. Lewis, Booton; E. D. Jennigs, Geo.

Lieut, Beatt, bearer of despatches to California, was Movements of Travellers.

Lieut. Beall, bearer of despatches to California, was at Council Grove on the 18th ult. Hon. Thomas Ewing, of Ohio, arrived in Philadel

A man named Watts nas been accested for the murderous outrage on Mr. Hooker, in Baitimore county, on Thursday night last. The proof is conclusive against him.

Rev Mr Vanderville, who has been appointed to

Rev Isase N Bolton committed suicide a short time since, at Sumter, Ala